



École Élémentaire Casorso Elementary School

Weekly Howl – September 27th, 2024

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School Web Site – <https://cas.sd23.bc.ca/>



WEEK OF September 30th, 2024

MONDAY September 30th

- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed

TUESDAY October 1st

- 7:40 am - Gr 6 Girls V-Ball Practice
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Boys V-Ball Game vs GME (CAS Gym)



WEDNESDAY October 2nd

- 9:00 am - Home-School Conference On-Line Scheduling goes LIVE
- 11:00 am - Gr 4/5 Boys & Girls V-Ball Practice
- 3:00 pm - Gr 6 Girls V-Ball Game vs GME (CAS Gym)

THURSDAY October 3rd

FRIDAY October 4th

- Coyote Friday - wear your t-shirt!



Saturday, October 5th - International World Teacher Day!



SAFE DROP OFF & PICK UP TIMES

Supervision Begins: 8:10 am
Supervision Ends: 2:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 am 3:00 pm



Our office, and therefore the school, is accessible and open, between these times. During these hours, office staff are available to assist both students and families as necessary.



FREE TICKETS! OKANAGAN SUN FOOTBALL GAME

The West Kelowna Fire Rescue and the Kelowna Fire Department have given Casorso students free admission tickets for the 3rd annual BC Burn Fund Okanagan Sun football game for this Saturday, September 28th, starting at 4:00 pm. All money that is raised is going to the department's charitable society. These tickets are only for students 12 years and under - we hope you can make it!!!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please take a moment to complete this survey for a City initiative to improve biking lanes around the city. The data can be used to support more funding for our city. The survey is open until September 29th and **we are looking to have 1000 responses**. We appreciate your support in this initiative. Please see the flyer to enter the survey. [STP Follow up and Idling- half page-Casorso \(2\).pdf](#) Link to the [survey](#). Thank you!

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AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

When the bell rings at 2:45 pm, if your child isn't being supervised by a parent/guardian, we kindly ask that they either head home or stop by the office to give you a call. We want to make sure all our students are safe, and we are responsible for any children who stay on school grounds after the bell. We would appreciate your help in either supervising your child after school or encouraging them to head home once the 2:45 pm. bell rings. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELLOR:

Hi! My name is Leslie Piasentin and I'm the school counsellor at Casorso and Raymer Elementary. This year, I have set up an *Instagram* page. On this page my hope is to share practical and helpful tools, strategies, and community opportunities for families so they can thrive... not just survive! Scan the QR code, or find my Insta handle: @piasentincounsellor and follow for updates 😊



PARENT / GUARDIAN / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our teachers are wanting to do an early check-in with you to get to know your child a little better! We have two **early dismissal days at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, October 9th and Thursday, October 10th** to allow time for our parent/guardian/teacher conferences. You will be able to sign up for a conference time using our on-line scheduler **LIVE** on *Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:00 am.*

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

This year, World Teachers' Day is on Saturday, October 5th. This special day of recognition has been held annually since 1994 to represent a significant token of the awareness, understanding and appreciation displayed for the vital contributions that teachers make to education and development. Please take a moment this coming week to reach out and say *thank you* to the teachers for their tremendous efforts that lead to learner success, improve the lives of their students, resulting in the development of educated citizens. We are very proud of the work our teachers do here at Casorso!



SCHOOL FEES

School Fees (\$35.00) and Cultural Fees (\$10.00) are **NOW DUE** for the 2024/2025 school year. Please note that the preferred method of payment is online with your credit card or debit card at: <https://centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com/>

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program that was previously offered to our students was discontinued in 2019. The IA Financial Group now offers the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) which is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan or to find out more, click [here](#).

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S APPEALS PROCESS

Board Policy 460 – Appeals states that, “A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in the Central Okanagan Public Schools may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student”.

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the ‘Board Policies’ link under the Board of Education heading on the School District homepage – www.sd23.bc.ca.

School District’s Financial Hardship Clause

Within Board Regulation 425R – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated “that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship”. Clause 8.5 in the Regulations states: “Principals are directed to establish a procedure in each school which will allow for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families. Such procedures will preserve the dignity of families who may be unable to pay”.

Please contact the school Principal if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

REMINDER: CUTLERY FOR LUNCHES



Parents, please remember to pack a spoon/fork with your child's lunch when it is required, as we are unable to provide utensils at school. Thank you!



A gentle reminder that our school is making every effort to be a **PEANUT / NUT AWARE** environment. We have students with life threatening nut sensitivities. Thank you in advance for your help by not sending peanut / nut products to school in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Website: <https://casorsofamilies.weebly.com/> Email: cas.pac@sd23.bc.ca

CASORSO SWAG SALES!!

Casorso SWAG Sales start today! This fundraiser runs from September 27th through Oct 11, 2024. Get all your apparel needs here and support the PAC! Please note that the Casorso PAC has a tradition of buying Casorso t-shirts for our new students, including Kindergarten students. The new students will receive these Casorso Coyote t-shirts this Fall!

SWAG STORE https://casorso.itemorder.com/shop/sale?preview_key=W4hHtEQccpVel5sVsrkHAW

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The Fall Festival is coming up! **Save the date:** Friday, October 18th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. We urgently need a sponsor for the PHOTO BOOTH! Email us at Cas.PacPresident@sd23.bc.ca if you are interested in volunteering at the event or sponsoring.

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If you have not already done so, please take a moment to complete the *Bike and Roll Survey* for a City of Kelowna initiative to improve biking lanes around the city. The data can be used to support more funding for our city. The survey is open until September 29th, and **we are looking to have 1000 responses**. We appreciate your support in this initiative. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://getinvolved.kelowna.ca/school-travel-planning/casorso-elementary-school-travel-plan-follow-survey>

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The Casorso PAC is hosting the next general meeting (which is also the Budget Approval Meeting, on **Monday, October 21st**, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Casorso Library. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend! Childcare and snacks will be provided.

PLEASE SEE BROCHURES BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR:

1. Idling Awareness Campaign & STP Follow-up Survey
2. *Once Upon a Bookstore* Author Presentation: Book Order Form – POSTER
3. Central Okanagan Public Schools - ERASE (Government of BC Online Resource Tool)

Extended Data Collection STP Follow-up Survey & Idling Awareness Campaign

For the school's staff, parents and students.



As part of the School Travel Plan (STP), you may have noticed several infrastructure improvements around the school in the past few years. We appreciate your feedback on the progress made through a follow-up survey. Also, as part of the STP action plan, we would like to bring idling awareness to the school community.

WHAT IS IDLING? *And why does it matter?*

Idling refers to leaving a vehicle's engine running while stationary, such as during drop-offs and pickups. Not only does unnecessary idling waste fuel and contribute to air pollution, but it can also expose our children to harmful pollutants, impacting their health and air quality.



Did you know?

Air pollution is the most important environmental contributor to poor health and premature death

Source: Worldbank.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Take the Pit Stop Pledge:** Join us by pledging not to idle when your vehicle is stopped for more than 60 seconds – except in traffic. By signing the pledge, you're contributing to cleaner air and giving your child's classroom a chance to win!



Invite friends and family to take the pledge—**September 29, 2024 deadline**. Provide the school's name and your kids' grade. The grade with the highest number of pledges will win a pizza lunch.

- **Participate in the Casorso Follow-up Survey:** Parents and staff, please share your thoughts on the progress. You can win a \$50 gift card. Open until **Sunday, September 29, 2024**.



Visit the **Pollution Pit Stop** page for more information about the harmful impacts of vehicle idling and how you can help make a positive difference in our community.



WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS

We need your support to reduce idling and improve air quality around our school. Collectively, small changes can make a big difference. By reducing idling, we can:

- Contribute to healthier air for our children and our community
- Save fuel and money
- Reduce air pollution for a cleaner environment



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Once Upon a Bookstore
PRESENTS

KEVIN SYLVESTER

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR






BRADEN HALLETT

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR




AT CASORSO ELEMENTARY
MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH 

Once Upon a Bookstore is very excited to be bringing the fantastic Kevin Sylvester and dynamic newcomer Braden Hallett to Casorso Elementary on October 7th for a presentation to grades 4-6.

If you would like to reserve a signed copy of any (or all) of their books for your child(ren), please visit <https://onceuponabookstore.ca> or fill in the order form below.

10% of the net sales from these orders will go back to school to purchase more books!

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Title	Price (incl tax)	Quantity
Hockey Super Six #1- The Puck Drops Here	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #2- On Thin Ice	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #3- Hat Tricked	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #4- Shooting Stars	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #5- In the Game	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #6- Overtime	\$10.00	
Hockey Super Six #7- Power Play	\$10.00	
NEW Hockey Super Six #8- Final Buzz	\$10.00	
Teddy vs the Fuzzy of Doom	\$17.00	
NEW Teddy vs the Slimy Evil	\$17.00	

Payment Method

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Cheque*
- ☐ Email me an invoice

Parent Name: _____

Email Address: _____

*Make cheques payable to Once Upon a Bookstore

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To help students, adults, and school staff build safe, caring and inclusive school communities, the Government of BC has created a valuable new online resource tool called [ERASE](#)

Learn more by viewing the links below

Learn about erase



Learn about the different tools, information, and resources available on erase to help support students, adults, and school staff.

What is the Report It tool?



Learn about an online reporting tool available to students to seek help or submit reports if you see or hear something that concerns you.

Safe, caring and inclusive schools



A short animated video about the importance of schools fostering inclusive classroom environments where everyone regardless of race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or ability, is welcome and feels safe.

erase: The Story



Read more about the erase strategy and how to build safe, caring and inclusive school communities.